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tional law firm of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher.

Members of the review commission included Jack W. Provonsa of Yucaipa, chairman of the Department of Christian Ethics at Loma Linda University.

Recommendations of the commission were, in turn, endorsed by the top 25 officials of the General Conference, the ruling body for the 3.5-million-member church.

Each of the officials being considered for disciplinary action has been placed in one of four categories based on the seriousness of the alleged violation, Wilson's statement indicated.

The officials are being given a chance to appeal

before the categories are finalized and the names released.

Those in the most serious category "will receive notice of permanent dismissal from denominational employment," the statement said. "Withdrawal of their ministerial credentials and/or annulment of their ordination, where appropriate, also will be considered."

Four officials are in this category, according to the General Conference official who requested anonymity.

Wilson said a second group, accused of less serious improprieties, will be reprimanded and also transferred to a new position that "will not involve financial or trust management or the administration of (church) financial policies."

Fifteen individuals are in this category, the General Conference official said. Another 22 are in the

third level, which Wilson's statement said will receive "an administrative reprimand for neglect of fiduciary responsibility."

A fourth group, reportedly made up of about 50 officials, will be given a "private letter of administrative disapproval."

Once the appeal period is over, the names of those in the most serious three categories will be published in the Adventist Review, editor William Johnsson said.

The General Conference official said a total of 163 church officials and employees were investigated for possible improper dealings with Davenport. Of those, about 40 were cleared, and another 28 to 30 are still under investigation, he said.

General Conference spokesman James Chase, who released Wilson's statement, refused further comment on the matter.

In deciding on the categories, Wilson said, the review commission considered "whether an individual was a trust officer or a board member, whether the church's financial policies had been violated, and the extent to which the individual influenced church entities to loan money to Dr. Davenport."

He continued:

"The commission also considered whether an individual had a personal loan or other business dealings with Dr. Davenport, whether he received what appeared to be special interest rates from Dr. Davenport or other considerations, whether he failed to act prudently, or whether he received a full or partial return on his personal transactions at a time when church entities did not."

Davenport's 250 or so creditors include dozens of individual Adventists, several Southern California banks and Adventist entities across the country.

Chino Hills . . .

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potential witnesses during preparations for trial.

Townsend, whose supervisorial district includes the Chino Hills, said the allegations are an example of what happens "if you become involved (in a large community planning effort). You're damned if you do and damned if you don't."

"I get sick and tired of people who point a finger at somebody who's trying to get something done," he added. "It's a little bit hard for me to believe that a person in a decision-making capacity can be subjected to a thing like this."

The 4th District supervisor, recalling that he had little dealing with the details of the three-year effort, said his major role was to keep the planning program "on track" and to serve as "the glue" that held consultants, staff members and a citizens advisory committee together.

The plan envisions some 33,000 new homes and apartments and eight commercial centers across an 18,000-acre section of the hills.

Townsend said that as the result of the wishes of a large majority of property owners in the Old English Road area, the allowable density of one dwelling per five acres on the 56 acres held by English Road Investment Ltd. was established long before adoption of the community plan. He said the plan merely reaffirmed that density.

That firm, headed by Tom Stanton and Gerald Musial of La Habra, is seeking \$8.5 million damages partly on grounds that the density allowance makes their land worthless and amounts to "inverse condemnation."

Townsend said his endorsement of a density allowance averaging one dwelling unit per acre on the 418 acres held by Chino Hills Estates west of Sleepy Hollow was nothing unusual. He said the density formula was recommended not only by the county Planning Commission and its staff but also by the citizens advisory committee and consultants.

That firm, headed by general partners Ray Mazna of Fullerton and Jerry Stanley of Anaheim, is seeking \$60 million damages.

The supervisor added that he received "very nominal" campaign contributions during the Chino Hills planning process because he was unopposed in his bid for re-election last year. He surmised that other county board members received larger campaign contributions from Chino Hills property owners than he did.

County officials named as defendants in the lawsuit include Kenneth Topping, deputy administrator for community development; John Jaquess, land management director; Tommy Stephens, a city planner and Townsend.

Landholders and developers named as defendants include the city of Industry, the partnership of Creative Communities and Bramalea Inc., John D. Lusk & Son, Great Plains Western Corp. and Sun West Pacific Development Co.

Woman . . .

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mond. "You don't know who to trust any more," said the woman, who has been a widow 15 years and has no children. "It used to be real neighborly. Not any more. Nobody cares."

Her broken right thumb was wrapped in a bandage, and bruises were obvious on her right arm. Her long gray hair was matted where it had been glued to the top of her head.

"Two weeks ago, I was near death," she said.

In addition to putting glue in Wells' hair, Portwood said, the intruders twisted her arms and sprayed her with aerosol cans. On one occasion they locked her out of the house and destroyed her groceries so they would have an excuse to go shopping with her checks.

A neighbor, who spoke on the condition that she not be identified, said a detective visited the house about a week before the investigation began, but decided nothing was amiss.

The neighbor said she was with police when they entered the house Jan. 6.

"The poor old lady was sitting in a chair hanging her head," the neighbor said. "She told us she was starved. There wasn't even a stick of butter in the house."

The neighbor took Wells to the hospital that night, the eve of her 74th birthday.

"All she wanted was a plain cake with lots of coconut icing. She got it," the neighbor said.

The neighbor said Wells' house had been ransacked. Glass was kicked out of doors, light sockets were ripped from the walls and the telephone had been destroyed.

"I must have carried 15 sacks of trash out of the house," the neighbor said.

Wells is alert and hopes to go home today, but the neighbor said she has blanked out the few months before January.

"All the torture and stuff she don't remember. All she says is 'the boys were good to her,'" the neighbor said. "When people try to tell her what happened, she thinks we're telling stories."

The neighbor could not explain how the occupation of the house started, but thinks Wells was just overwhelmed.

"She couldn't control it," she said. "With that bunch of kids, if I had to face them myself, I don't know if I could."

Michael Waters, 16, was riding his bicycle in front of Wells' house Tuesday. He said he used to visit her and buy her groceries and listen to her tell stories about the years when her husband was alive.

The youth said he knew Wayne E. Humphries, 18, one of the teenagers arrested in the case. He referred to him by the nickname "Bubba."

"I don't think nobody likes him around. But if people be nice to Bubba, Bubba be nice to them," he said.

Humphries, of neighboring Prince George County, and James A. Harris, 19, of Dinwiddie County, were arrested Friday.

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